

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have corrected typos and errors in the specification and drawings. No new matter had been added as all the corrections are supported by the discussion in the specification and by the illustrations in the figures. Specifically, Applicants have relabeled the two figures originally labeled "Figure 13" as "Figure 13a" and "Figure 13b." Corresponding amendments to the specification have also been made including the addition of a description of Figure 13b in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the specification. As Figure 13b shows a flexure having features similar to the flexure shown in Figure 4, support of the added description of Figure 13b can be found in Figure 4 and the description of Figure 4 in the specification (on paragraph 0033, page 7).


Amendments have also been made to Figure 13a to correct column labels in the table shown in Figure 13a. In particular, the column label for the column third from the left has been changed to h (height) and the column label for the rightmost column in the table has been changed to i (length). Support for these corrections can be found in specification, for example, in paragraph 0065, page 17, and also in Figure 13b. In paragraph 0065, the specification states that "The stiffness of the attachment portion is a function of the material and beam dimensions including height 1301 (h), length 1303 (i), and film thickness (t)..." As shown in Figure 13b, the height 1301 (h) of the attachment portion corresponds to the dimension extending vertically on the page and the length 1303 (i) of the attachment portion corresponds to the dimension extending horizontally on the page. With the corrections to the column labels of the table shown in amended Figure 13a, the table of Figure 13a now correctly shows that the angle of twist per unit moment (equal to the inverse of the torsional rigidity) decreases when attachment height (h) increases and increases when attachment length (i) increases (as these dimensions are defined in the specification and Figure 13b).

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have also canceled claim 1 and added new claims 2-10. As such, claims 2-10 will be pending in this application. The Applicant respectfully submits that the above-amendments place the application in better condition for allowance and that no new matter has been added. The Applicant respectfully requests examination at the earliest possible date.

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